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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-6,9,10,21-38 and 43 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,7,8,11-20,39-42 and 44-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the communication filed 09/17/2004.

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 4-6, 9-10, 21-38, 43 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected inventions and species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 5/26/2004.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 1-3, 7-8, 11-20, 39-42, 44-50 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,256,518. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent'518 encompass the limitations as claimed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly

owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 1-3, 7-8, 11-20, 39-42, 44-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tam (US 5,526,403) in view of Heo (US 5,400,388) submitted by Applicant.

Regarding claim 1, Tam teaches a system to provide power to a communications unit, the system comprising: a first communications network (cellular network) to engage in communications with the communications unit; and a second communications network (land-based public switched telephone network to provide communication to the communications unit (col.3, 25-47, 60 through col. 4, 5, fig. 1). The communication unit of Tam is powered by AC power supply 27 (fig. 1). Tam fails to teach that the second communication network can provide a normal operating power to the communication unit in the event of power outage. According to Heo, land-based public switched telephone network to provide power to the communications unit in the event of power outage (col. 3, 24-30, 58-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to provide the teaching of Heo to the system of Tam in order to continuously provide power to the communication unit when there is no power supply in the communication unit in the event of power outage.

Regarding claim 2, Tam as modified also teaches that the first communications network comprises a wireless communications network, and the second communications network unit comprises a local exchange carrier network (col. 3, 25-31 of Tam).

Regarding claim 3, Tam as modified also teaches that the communications unit comprises a fixed wireless communications unit (col. 3, 25-31 of Tam).

Regarding claim 7, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1, which includes a wireless switch (53, fig. 4 of Tam).

Regarding claim 8, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 3.

Regarding claim 11, Tam as modified also teaches that wireless communications unit comprises a wireless communications handset (col. 3, 25-47 of Tam).

Regarding claim 12, Tam as modified teaches a base station coupled to the wireless switch, the base station to engage in wireless communications with the wireless communications unit (fig. 4, 51 of Tam).

Regarding claim 13, Tam as modified does not explicitly teaches that the base station and the wireless communications unit are to engage in wireless communications pursuant to a wireless communications protocol selected from the group consisting of an Advanced Mobile Phone Service wireless communications protocol, an Interim Standard 41 wireless communications protocol, an Interim Standard 54 wireless communications protocol, an Interim Standard 55 Time Division Multiple Access wireless communications protocol, an Interim Standard 95 Code Division Multiple Access wireless communications protocol, GSM, 3G, WAP, GPS and an Interim Standard 136 Time Division Multiple Access wireless communications protocol. It is taken official notice that a cellular telephone system that can be implemented in said protocols is conventionally well known. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include

the protocols as claimed in order to comply with the system to be implemented.

Regarding claims 14, 16, the claims are interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 7, 12.

Regarding claim 15, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 3.

Regarding claim 17, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 13.

Regarding claim 18, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 7. Tam further teaches coupling the fixed wireless communication unit to a landline receptacle unit (fig. 4, 50 of Tam).

Regarding claim 19, Tam as modified by Heo teaches that the fixed wireless communications unit is charged by receiving power from the landline (see the rejection of claim 1).

Regarding claim 20, Tam as modified also teaches that the wireless communications are cellular communications (col. 3, 25-31 of Tam).

Regarding claim 39, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claim 20.

Regarding claim 40, Tam as modified also teaches that the cellular communication device is a transceiver (fig. 4, 12 of Tam).

Regarding claims 41-42, Tam as modified also teaches that said wireless communication device 10 is adapted to communicate with a base station 51 according to at least one cellular communications protocol 53 (fig. 4 of Tam).

Regarding claims 44-45, the claims are interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 39-40.

Regarding claim 46, Tam as modified by Heo also teaches that said first network is a wireless network comprising a fixed base station and a wireless communication device (col. 3, 4-7 of Heo).

Regarding claim 47, Tam as modified by Heo also teaches that said power supply is coupled to the communication device (fig. 1 of Heo).

Regarding claim 48, Tam as modified by Heo also teaches that said power supply is integrated with the communication device (fig. 1 of Heo).

Regarding claim 49, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claim 50, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same

reason as set forth in claim 44, 49. Tam as modified by Heo also teaches a converter (col. 3, 8-57 of Heo).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 09/17/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding the rejection of independent claims 1, 7, 14, 18, 39, 44 and 50, Applicant argues that Heo does not suggest first and second communication networks and **supplying a normal operating power through a second communication network to a device that communicates through the first communication network,** emphasis added; and Heo only teaches that the call is continues through the wireline telephone.

In response, first Tam does teach the first and second communication networks. The examiner agrees that Heo does not teach supplying a normal operating power through a second communication network to a device that communicates through the first communication network. However, from the claimed language there is **absolutely no link** between the providing of normal operating power to the

communication unit and the communication between the communication unit and the first communication network. Therefore, according to Heo, the power provided from the wireline network for operation in the wireline network still reads on the claimed normal operating power.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE NGUYEN whose telephone number is (703)-308-5249. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, VIVIAN CHIN can be reached on (703) 308-6739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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